

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please delete paragraph [01] and insert the following amended paragraph [01]:

**[01]** This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/176,843 filed June 21, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit of and priority from, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/100,757 filed March 19, 2002, titled "Synchronous Controlled, Self-timed Local SRAM Block", now U.S. Patent No. 6,646,954 issued November 11, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/775,701, filed February 2, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,411,557, issued June 25, 2002, the complete subject matter of each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its their entirety.

Please delete paragraph [230] and insert the following amended paragraph [230]:

**[230]** In one embodiment of the present invention, each block is selected by at least one line (or by predecoding a group lines) in the higher address predecoded line group. A higher address predecoder line shifts only if the shift pointer points to the particular ~~redecoder~~ predecoder line or the previous line has shifted.

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure and insert the following amended Abstract:

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

The present invention relates to a system and method for providing redundancy in a hierarchically memory, by replacing small blocks in such memory. The present invention provides such redundancy (i.e., replaces such small blocks) by either shifting predecoded lines or using a modified shifting predecoder circuit in the local predecoder block. In one embodiment, the hierarchal memory structure includes ~~at least one active predecoder of aadaped to be shifted out of use; and~~ at least one redundant predecoder adapted to be shifted in for at least one active predecoder of a plurality of predecoders adapted to be shifted out.